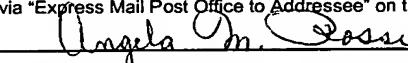


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| <b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES<br/>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)<br/>CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>   |  | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER<br><b>41052/321928</b>                      |
|   |  | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)<br><b>10/555,816</b> |
| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br><b>PCT/FR2004/001195</b>   | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br><b>14 May 2004 (14.05.2004)</b> | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br><b>16 May 2003 (16.05.2003)</b>             |
| TITLE OF INVENTION<br><b>RESPIRATOR MASK WITH HYGIENIC PROTECTION</b>   |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US<br><b>SCHEGERIN, Robert</b>   |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:  |  |  |
| <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul> </p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li>c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendment has NOT expired.</li> <li>d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 37(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p> |  |  |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:   |  |  |
| <p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A second preliminary amendment.</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</p> <p>17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.</p> <p>18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</p> <p>20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. This certifies that this document is being mailed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 via "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006, Express Mail Label No. EV772498893US<br/><br/><b>Angela M. Rossi</b></li> <li>b. Form PTO/SB/08 (two sheets) and 17 publications</li> </ul> </p>  |  |  |

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| 21. The following fees are submitted:  |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a) Basic national fee.....<br><input type="checkbox"/> b) Examination fee.....<br><input type="checkbox"/> c) Search fee .....  |              | \$300.00<br>\$200.00<br>\$400.00<br><b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = .....</b> |      | \$0.00<br>\$0.00<br>\$0.00               |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.   |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
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| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).   |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| CLAIMS   | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA   | RATE |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| Total claims   | - 20 =       | 00   | x    | \$50.00                                  | \$0.00 |                       |    |                      |        |
| Independent claims   | - 3 =        | 00   | x    | \$200.00                                 | \$0.00 |                       |    |                      |        |
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| <b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS = .....</b>   |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.<br><b>SUBTOTAL = .....</b>  |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| Processing fees of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).<br><b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE = .....</b>  |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 11.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property<br><b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED = .....</b>  |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
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| a. <input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.<br>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$_____ to cover the above fees.<br>A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayments to Deposit to Account No. <u>11-0855</u> . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.<br>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to credit card. <b>WARNING:</b> Information on this form may become public. <b>Credit card Information should not be included on this form.</b> Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| <b>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revise (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.</b>  |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:  |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| Customer Number 23370<br>John S. Pratt, Esq.<br>KILPATRICK STOCKTON LLP<br>Suite 2800<br>1100 Peachtree Street<br>Atlanta, Georgia 30309-4530<br>404.815.6500  |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |
| <br>SIGNATURE<br><u>Dean W. Russell</u><br>NAME<br><u>33,452</u><br>REGISTRATION NUMBER  |              |  |      |  |        |                       |    |                      |        |